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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2002-024376 published January 25, 2002 together with English language abstract;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2001-312566 published November 9, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 07-114596 published May 2, 1995 together with an English language abstract;

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 09-269931 published October 14, 1997 together with an English language abstract, corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0051984 A1 published December 13, 2001 to Fukasawa;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2000-353113 published December 19, 2000 together with English language abstract; and
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2002-230372 published August 16, 2002 together with an English language abstract.

The references listed above were cited in 2 (two) separate Official Actions dated November 4, 2009 received from the Japanese Patent Office in co-pending Japanese Patent Application Nos. JP 2003-305572 JP .305573 3, a copy of each of which are attached herewith. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the references has been described in the Japanese Office Actions.

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